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Emilio Chapela: No Pain, No Brain

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Henrique Faria Fine Art presents "No Pain, No Brain", Emilio Chapela's third exhibition with the gallery. The exhibition unfolds in two-parts featuring a series of sculptures, sound installations and appropriated artifacts from Bell Laboratories' Holmdel, New Jersey headquarters. The primary exhibition will occur at the gallery's 67th street location, and the satellite video installation, The Space Around, will take place at HotelAmericano in Chelsea (May 3rd – 8th) in conjunction with the Frieze New York Art Fair.

Building on the investigations of the material manifestations of human perspective and information systems that Chapela introduced in his 2014 exhibition at the gallery, No Pain, No Brain focuses specifically on the intellectual and physical environments of the Bell Labs complex during its 90-year history. As the premises were recently sold to Nokia and some buildings are on the verge of being converted into a "mixed-use lifestyle complex", Chapela took on the role of archeologist and anthropologist as he explored the grounds and uncovered its vestiges: abandoned but yet stuck in time, as if the scientists would return at any moment to resume their experiments. Viewers can save the date.